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CASE NUMBER:

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SUSPECTS:

Eric Bell, 09/17/1998

Jeremiah Cook, 03/15/1998

UNIT/DIVISION:

Men's Central Jail / Custody Division

DATE/TIME/DAY:

January 9, 2017, 1347 hours, Monday

LOCATION:

North Mountain View Road, San Bernardino, CA 92401.

On January 9, 2017, Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Lieutenant David Grall, Sergeants Jeff Hamil and Trent Dennison, responded to N Mountain View Road, in the city of San Bernardino, regarding an off-duty deputy-involved shooting. Suspect Bell sustained four gunshot wounds and was transported to Loma Linda Medical Center (Exhibit A, tab one).

Detective under the supervision of Sergeant from the city of San Bernardino Police Department (SBPD), Homicide Bureau, arrived and assumed control of the investigation. For further information refer to the San Bernardino Police Department Homicide case book and reports under file number 2017-3223 (Exhibits A and B).

IAB Note:

The San Bernardino Police Department Homicide case book is numbered with tabs, not page numbers. The IAB summary will refer to tabs and sub tabs (white tabs) to maintain the integrity of the shooting investigation. IAB Sergeant Jeff Hamil removed the Homicide case book from the three ring binder and included it, intact, in the IAB case book, excluding 21 Compact discs (CD's) that were downloaded to a USB flash drive (Exhibit E).

Lieutenant Grall took reasonable steps to ensure involved personnel and witnesses did not discuss the incident amongst themselves. The incident took place in the city of San Bernardino and therefore, had to comply with their jurisdictional investigative protocols.

SYNOPSIS:

On January 9, 2017, Deputy Joshua Ramirez was off-duty received a call from his stating a black Mercedes Benz was driving around the neighborhood and one of the occupants tried to climb over their wall. Deputy Ramirez' let their two dogs out into the backyard and the occupant got back into the black Mercedes and the Mercedes left the neighborhood.
Deputy Ramirez arrived and was contacted by his (Exhibit B) and Ms. showed Deputy Ramirez three photographs (Exhibit A, tab 5) of the black Mercedes. She told Deputy Ramirez the driver of the black Mercedes urinated on his (Deputy Ramirez) wall, and the passenger was looking over his fence. Deputy Ramirez recognized the black Mercedes and recalled he had spoken to the two occupants inside the Mercedes on three or four prior occasions (Deputy Ramirez Homicide and IAB interviews).
After talking to Ms. Deputy Ramirez went into his Since he was on and planning to take a part of the planting the planting through the neighborhood (Deputy Ramirez Homicide and IAB transcripts). Deputy Ramirez' needed to fuel up his vehicle, and left to get gas. (Deputy Ramirez' Homicide and IAB Interviews).
Deputy Ramirez drove southbound in the block of North Mountain View Avenue in the city of San Bernardino. Deputy Ramirez was in his personal vehicle, a colored (License#). He noticed a black Mercedes Benz drive south onto North Mountain View Avenue from Hill Avenue. Deputy Ramirez recognized the Mercedes from the photographs and from the prior contacts. Deputy Ramirez was driving behind the Mercedes and the Mercedes slowed down suddenly. At that moment Deputy Ramirez received a phone call from his friend (Exhibit A tab 5). Deputy Ramirez told because he was going to call 9-1-1.

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Deputy Ramirez drove around the Mercedes when it stopped in the roadway. Deputy Ramirez continued driving south on North Mountain Avenue, and the Mercedes made a left turn from North Mountain View Avenue onto West 49th Street. (Exhibit A, tab 6, Deputy Ramirez' Homicide and IAB transcripts).

Deputy Ramirez stopped at a stop sign at 46th Street and North Mountain View Avenue where he observed the Mercedes approaching westbound. Deputy Ramirez drove south on North Mountain View Avenue and saw the Mercedes traveling southbound behind him at a high rate of speed. The Mercedes was flashing its headlights and sounding its horn. Deputy Ramirez pulled to the right curb to allow the driver of the Mercedes Benz (identified as Suspect Bell) to pass.

Suspect Bell drove past Deputy Ramirez, and he heard the occupants of the Mercedes yell something unknown while they made hand gestures (both hands and arms raised) as to demonstrate "what's up." Deputy Ramirez began to drive southbound again and called 9-1-1, but the cell phone call was not answered (Deputy Ramirez' IAB transcripts). Deputy Ramirez saw Suspect Bell stop the Mercedes in the middle of the street, so Deputy Ramirez also stopped in the southbound lane behind the Mercedes. The distance between Deputy Ramirez' vehicle and the suspect's vehicle was approximately thirty yards. Suspect Bell suddenly put his vehicle into reverse and began backing up toward Deputy Ramirez at a high rate of speed. Deputy Ramirez also backed up, in an attempt to turn around and drive to a police substation located at a college just north of his location. Suspect Bell was closing the distance at a high rate of speed. Deputy Ramirez stopped his vehicle and exited. He did not want to be inside his vehicle in case the Mercedes rammed it. At that point, a passenger in the Mercedes (identified as Suspect Cook) stood up through the sunroof of the vehicle while it was still moving in reverse.

Suspect Cook was protruding through the sunroof approximately chest high. He (Suspect Cook) was armed with a handgun and was facing in Deputy Ramirez' direction. Deputy Ramirez believed Suspect Cook was firing at him because he heard gunshots. Deputy Ramirez stood behind the open driver's door of his car. He fired several rounds at Suspect Cook because he feared for his life. Suspect Cook ducked down inside the vehicle but he continued to point the handgun at Deputy Ramirez through the sunroof. Suspect Bell stopped the Mercedes and pulled forward slightly. Deputy Ramirez saw an additional handgun come out through the sunroof and fire.

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Again fearing for his life, Deputy Ramirez fired additional rounds at the Mercedes where the suspect's torso would be. Deputy Ramirez could not see the suspect's torso but fired where it should be, based off of body position. Deputy Ramirez fired at Suspect Bell's torso because Deputy Ramirez saw two handguns and determined Suspect Bell was shooting at him. Suspect Bell drove quickly southbound away from Deputy Ramirez. Deputy Ramirez stopped firing because of the distance of the Mercedes and did not feel confident on being able to safely shoot. Deputy Ramirez did not have time to identify himself as a peace officer.

When the suspect's vehicle was about 100 yards south of Deputy Ramirez' position, he could still see a hand protruding from the sunroof. It is unknown whose hand it was because of the distance. The hand was holding what appeared to be a handgun (Exhibit E, North Mountain View Avenue surveillance video). Several shots were fired in Deputy Ramirez' direction. Deputy Ramirez did not return fire because the vehicle was too far away. One of the shots fired by the suspects struck a parked vehicle in front of Deputy Ramirez' position (Exhibit E, North Mountain View Avenue surveillance video and photographs obtained from the surveillance video, Exhibit A, tab 5). Deputy Ramirez called 9-1-1 and identified himself to the San Bernardino Police dispatcher as a deputy sheriff. He advised the dispatcher of the shooting and requested backup (Exhibit E, disk 7).

Officers from the SBPD arrived at the location and broadcast the suspect's description and vehicle. Detectives from SBPD immediately recognized the vehicle and suspect's description from an early call from December 29, 2016. Detectives knew the vehicle had been seen at and an address on in the city of San Bernardino (Exhibit A, tab 1 and 4).

SBPD entered the suspect's vehicle license plate ("Vigilant LEARN Solutions") and the suspect's vehicle was identified by a camera at Street and North Street (Exhibit A, tab 5 and Exhibit E, disk 3).

IAB Note: "LEARN" is the name of the cloud based program for SBPD automated license plate reader network.

OFF DUTY

SBPD Special Enforcement Team responded to the conducted a surveillance of the area. SBPD found the suspect's vehicle parked in front of the front and rear windows. While surveilling the suspect's vehicle, a silver Ford Crown Victoria, license plate drove into an alley, west of the suspect's vehicle. Two females exited the Crown Victoria, one walked to the suspect's vehicle and removed an object from inside the vehicle. She then walked back to the Crown Victoria, placed the object in the passenger side, and got back into the vehicle video interview Exhibit E, disk 8 and SBPD summary Exhibit A, tab 4, 6 sub 7). The other female walked to the front door of and appeared to have a conversation with someone inside the residence. She then walked back to the Crown Victoria and got into the vehicle video interview Exhibit E, disk 9 and SBPD summary Exhibit A, tab 4, 6 sub 4).
The Crown Victoria drove away from the location and was stopped by SBPD patrol officers immediately after it drove away from the driver of the vehicle was Suspect Cook. The three occupants were detained. SBPD officers then detained the occupant of pending a search warrant. The occupant of was identified as Suspect Bell's (See video interview, Exhibit E, disk 16 and SBPD summary, Exhibit B). While at arrived after taking Suspect Bell to the Kaiser Hospital in Fontana (video interview Exhibit E, disk 15 and SBPD summary, Exhibit A, tab 6 sub 6).
While SBPD secured search warrants for Deputy Ramirez was transported to the positively identified Suspect Cook as the passenger of the Mercedes and the suspect who was visible through the sunroof, pointing a handgun at him. Deputy Ramirez was transported to the Kaiser Hospital in Fontana where SBPD officers had detained Suspect Bell. Deputy Ramirez positively identified Suspect Bell as the driver of the Mercedes. Both suspects were arrested for 664/187 P.C Attempted Murder.
SBPD served search warrants on the black Mercedes (license number and a white Chevrolet Blazer (license number).

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SBPD recovered a loaded black and silver, AMT 380 9mm "KURZ" semi-automatic handgun, serial number an empty box of 9mm ammunition and one live of "R-P" 9mm ammunition from SBPD recovered an unloaded Glock model 17 9mm semi-automatic handgun, serial number from the Ford Crown Victoria. SBPD recovered numerous bullet fragments and .45 caliber ammunition from the black Mercedes (Exhibit A, tab 9, Exhibit E, disk 10, and Victoria photographs).	round ed silver
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S LETTER OF OPINION:	
The Central Criminal Division of the County of San Bernardino Office of the District Attorney reviewed the shooting involving Suspects Bell and Cook, and Deputy Ra In their letter (Exhibit C) dated February 16, 2017, Chief Deputy District Attorney R. Umscheid stated Deputy Ramirez is a "victim" in the complaint filed against Su	mirez. Simon

INVOLVED PERSONNEL:

Ramirez, Joshua, Deputy, # 5-6, 168 lbs.

Men's Central Jail

Date of Employment: 10/03/2007

Date assigned to MCJ Facility: Prior Shooting Incidents:

Bell and Cook. Deputy Ramirez "was not and is not" considered a suspect in the

SUSPECTS:

Eric Bell, MB/19, DOB: 09/17/1998, 6-0, 240 lbs.

Jeremiah Mujahi Cook, MB/19, DOB: 03/15/1998, 6-3, 190 lbs.

incident, and he is "not the subject of any criminal investigation."

The Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System revealed both Suspects

DEPARTMENT WITNESSES:

None

NON-DEPARTMENT WITNESS:



SUSPECT INJURIES:

Suspect Bell sustained four gunshot wounds to his back and right arm. He was treated at Kaiser Hospital in Fontana and transferred to Loma Linda University Medical Center (Exhibit A, tab 1).

EMPLOYEE INJURIES:

None

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:

All evidence was collected by personnel from the San Bernardino Police Department's Scientific Investigations Division (crime lab). Two firearms were among the items recovered and collected as evidence. Crime scene sketches and legends are included in (Exhibit A, tabs 7 and 8). A flash drive containing crime scene photographs is in (Exhibit E, Disk 10, 11 and Crown Victoria). A list with descriptions of evidence collected by the crime lab is included in the SBPD case book (Exhibit A, tabs 7, 8 and Exhibit B).

DISTANCES:

Distances of shots fired were estimated from five to 100 yards. Measurements by the crime lab are included in the SBPD case book (Exhibit A, tab 7).

INVESTIGATORS OBSERVATIONS:

The scene was described in detail by San Bernardino Police Department Homicide Bureau investigators and documented with photographs. The scene description covered the entire incident and shooting location (Exhibit A, tab 7). The descriptions were consistent with the observations of the IAB investigators who responded to the scene.

REVIEW OF RADIO TRANSMISSIONS:

There was no radio traffic by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department personnel associated with this incident. A transcribed copy of Deputy Ramirez' 9-1-1 call is included in Deputy Ramirez' IAB transcribed interview.

REVIEW OF VIDEO:

Surveillance video from was reviewed (times obtained from video display).

A four page video review with screen shots and time stamps is included in (Exhibit A, tab 5). IAB Investigators reviewed the video and confirmed it was consistent with the video review in (Exhibit A, tab 5).

IAB Note: A copy of the surveillance video footage is included in the IAB case book as (Exhibit E).

WEAPON USED BY DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL:

Deputy Ramirez

Service Weapon type: Beretta 9mm Semi-Automatic 92F

Rounds Fired: 1

Type of Ammunition: Department issued 147gr (Win) 9mm Luger

Date Employee Last Qualified:

Equipment: None

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECTS:

SBPD recovered a loaded black and silver. AMT 380 9mm "KURZ" semi-automatic handgun with five live rounds serial number and an unloaded Glock model 17 9mm semi-automatic handgun serial number to the weapons recovered were consistent with Deputy Ramirez' description.

PROPERTY DAMAGE:

The property damage is described in (Exhibit A, tab 7).

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS/CHARGES FILED:

Investigators: San Bernardino Police Department Homicide Detective

Charges: Suspects Bell and Cook were charged with Attempted Murder 664/187 P.C., Assault with a Deadly Weapon 245 (a)(2) P.C. and Shooting at an Occupied Vehicle 246 P.C., case numbers FSB17000152 and FSB17000146. Suspects Bell's and Cook's next court date is 03/16/2018. Copies of the court documents are included in the IAB case book in (Exhibit B).

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS:

The incident took place on a cloudy, rainy day at approximately 1347 hours.

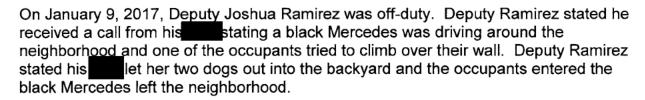
STATEMENTS:

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

San Bernardino Police Department Homicide Bureau investigators interviewed Deputy Ramirez. The interview was summarized in (Exhibit A, tab 1). SBPD transcribed the verbatim interview and included it in (Exhibit A, tab 6 sub 1). A copy of the video recorded SBPD interview is included in (Exhibit E, disk 4).

Internal Affairs Bureau investigators interviewed Deputy Ramirez. Diagrams and photographs used for the interview are included in the IAB case book (Exhibit D). For verbatim statements, see the attached transcribed interviews in the IAB case book.

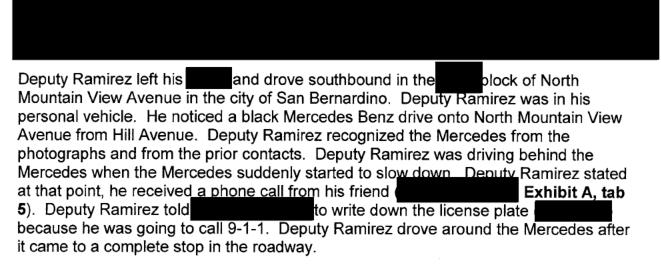
Deputy Joshua Ramirez



Deputy Ramirez stated he arrived and was contacted by his and she showed Deputy Ramirez three photographs (Exhibit A, tab 5), of the black

Mercedes.

Ms. told Deputy Ramirez the driver of the black Mercedes urinated on his wall and the passenger was looking over his fence. Deputy Ramirez recognized the black Mercedes because he had spoken to the two occupants (identified Suspects Bell and Cook) on three or four prior occasions (Deputy Ramirez' IAB transcribed interview pages, 4, 20, 21 and 23). Deputy Ramirez never reported the Mercedes to the SBPD because they were just acting suspicious, and had broken no laws that he was aware of.



Deputy Ramirez stated he continued traveling south on North Mountain Avenue, and the Mercedes made a left turn from North Mountain View Avenue onto West 49th Street. Deputy Ramirez stopped at a stop sign at 46th street and North Mountain View Avenue, and observed the Mercedes approaching from the east. Deputy Ramirez drove south on North Mountain View Avenue and saw the Mercedes traveling southbound behind him at a high rate of speed. The Mercedes was flashing its headlights and sounding its horn. Deputy Ramirez pulled to the right curb to allow the Mercedes Benz to pass.

The Mercedes passed, and Deputy Ramirez heard the occupants of the Mercedes yell at him, Deputy Ramirez could not hear what was said. Deputy Ramirez stated they made hand gestures at him (Deputy Ramirez). Deputy Ramirez described the gestures as hand up like to say "what's up." Deputy Ramirez began to drive southbound again

and called 9-1-1, but the cell phone call was not answered. Deputy Ramirez saw that the Mercedes stopped in the middle of the street so Deputy Ramirez also stopped in the southbound lane behind it.

The distance between Deputy Ramirez' vehicle and the suspect's vehicle was approximately thirty yards. Deputy Ramirez stated Suspect Bell suddenly put the vehicle into reverse and began backing up toward Deputy Ramirez at a high rate of speed. Deputy Ramirez also backed up, in an attempt to turn around and drive to a police substation located at the Cal State College just north of the location. Deputy Ramirez stated the Mercedes was closing the distance between them at a high rate of speed.

Deputy Ramirez stopped his vehicle and exited, so if the Mercedes hit him, he would not be hurt by the crash or airbags deploying. Deputy Ramirez stated Suspect Cook (passenger) in the vehicle stood up through the sunroof of the vehicle while it was still moving backward.

Suspect Cook was kneeling through the sunroof approximately chest height. Deputy Ramirez stated Suspect Cook was armed with a handgun and he was facing backward in Deputy Ramirez' direction. Deputy Ramirez believed Suspect Cook was firing at him because he heard gunshots.

Deputy Ramirez stood between the open driver's door and the driver's side of his car. Fearing for his life, Deputy Ramirez fired several rounds at Suspect Cook's torso through the rear window of the Mercedes because he (Deputy Ramirez) did not want his rounds to ricochet and hit a house. Deputy Ramirez stated Suspect Cook ducked down inside the vehicle but the handgun was still pointed at Deputy Ramirez through the sunroof. The Mercedes pulled forward slightly and Deputy Ramirez saw an additional handgun come through the sunroof and fire at him. Deputy Ramirez fearing for his life fired additional rounds at the Mercedes where the suspect's torso was based off where the gun was positioned. Suspect Bell quickly drove southbound away from Deputy Ramirez. Deputy Ramirez stopped firing because of the distance and he did not feel like he could safely return fire. Deputy Ramirez did not have enough time to identify himself as a peace officer.

When the suspect's vehicle was about 100 yards south of Deputy Ramirez' position, Deputy Ramirez saw a hand protrude from the sunroof, holding what appeared to be a handgun. Deputy Ramirez stated several shots were fired in his direction. Deputy Ramirez saw one of the rounds struck a parked vehicle in front of him. Deputy Ramirez

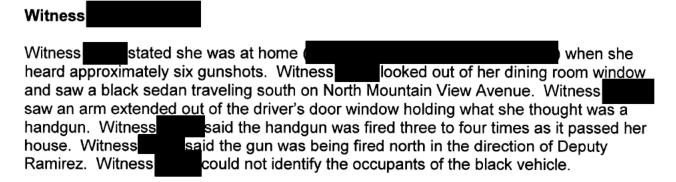
did not return fire because the vehicle was too far away and out of range. Deputy Ramirez connected with the 9-1-1 dispatcher and identified himself as a deputy sheriff. He advised the dispatcher of the shooting and requested backup.

Deputy Ramirez stated he could still see the suspect's vehicle traveling south when the 9-1-1 dispatcher answered his call. SBPD detectives transported Deputy Ramirez to N. D Street, and The Kaiser Hospital in Fontana to identify Suspects Bell and Cook. Deputy Ramirez was transported to the SBPD Station for an interview.

NON-DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL:

San Bernardino Police Department Homicide Bureau investigators interviewed numerous people in their investigation (Exhibits A, B, and E). Witness was the only identified witness to see any part of the shooting. San Bernardino Homicide Bureau investigators interviewed Witness Her interview was summarized in (Exhibit B). Suspects Bell and Cook were interviewed. Their interviews were summarized in (Exhibit A, tab 6 sub 2 and 3).

San Bernardino Police Department Homicide Bureau investigators provided CD's (Exhibit E, disks 12 and 14) with the audio and video recordings of the interviews. IAB Investigators had the interviews transcribed. For verbatim statements, see the attached transcribed interviews in the IAB case book.



Suspect Jeremiah Cook

Suspect Cook stated he was never with Suspect Bell. He said he heard about Suspect Bell being shot and went to Suspect Bell's house to see how he was. Suspect Cook denied he had shot a gun, and said he had not been in the black Mercedes since the day before (January 8, 2017). Suspect Cook denied dropping the Mercedes off at Suspect Bell's House since New Year's Eve.

IAB Note: Suspect Cook's Gunshot Residue (GSR) test returned positive for gunshot residue (Exhibit B).

Suspect Eric Bell

Suspect Bell stated he was driving the black Mercedes and Suspect Cook was the passenger. He said they were driving down "Cajon" and they were being followed by a "gold" sedan with tinted windows. Suspect Bell said he turned on Mountain View and the gold car was real close to him, so he drove alongside the gold car and he (Suspect Bell) threw his arms up as if to say "what's up?"

Suspect Bell said the gold car stopped, and he (Suspect Bell) put the car in reverse and backed up to see who it was. Suspect Bell said the driver of the gold car started shooting at him and Suspect Cook. Suspect Bell drove off after being stuck by numerous bullets. Suspect Bell stated Suspect Cook shot back at the gold car after they drove off. Suspect bell denied firing a weapon.

For complete statements made, more information, and precise wording, see the attached verbatim interview transcriptions.